

HOUSE BILL 2457
By Swafford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 47, Chapter 25; Title 56, Chapter 6 and Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 11, relative to recommendations of an insurer for certain repair services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 11, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

56-7-11__.

(a) No insurance company, agent, adjuster or appraiser or any person employed to perform their service shall recommend the use of a particular service or source for the repair of property damage without clearly informing the claimant that the claimant is under no obligation to use the recommended repair service.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) also constitutes a violation of the Consumer Protection Act, compiled in title 47, chapter 18, part 1, subject only to the civil remedies provided in such part, including treble damages and attorney's fees.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.